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The Bureau of the Census, Department of Commerce, announced today that the decrease in United States imports for consumption from $1,250.1 million in August to $1,175.6 million in September[1], a drop of about six percent, was due to decreases in imports of four of the five economic classes of commodities as follows: finished manufactures, crude materials, manufactured foodstuffs, and crude foodstuffs. The September 1961 imports for consumption total was slightly higher (about one percent) than the September 1960 total of $1,159.3 million.

For the first three quarters of 1961 (January-September), imports for consumption amounted to $10,473.4 million, a level about six percent below the total of $11,168.1 million reported for the same period of 1960.

Imports of finished manufactures fell from $453.6 million in August to $414.9 million in September. This decrease was due to lower levels of imports of many of the individual commodities included in this economic class, the more noticeable being vehicles, except automobiles, which fell from $25.0 to $16.3 million; newsprint, from $58.7 to $55.5 million; and steel mill products, from $25.7 to $22.8 million. The drop in imports of crude materials from $259.4 to $242.7 million was primarily the result of decreases in imports of unmanufactured cotton, from $19.6 to $4.4 million and iron ore and concentrates, from $32.3 to $24.9 million. Imports of manufactured foodstuffs fell from $147.4 to $135.2 million largely due to decreases in imports of sugar, from $45.9 to $35.3 million and meat products, from $40.2 to $31.6 million which were partly offset by an increase in imports of whisky, from $15.3 to $18.9 million. A drop in imports of cocoa from $13.7 to $7.3 million accounted for the bulk of the decrease in imports of crude foodstuffs from $138.0 to $130.5 million.

During the period, imports of semimanufactures increased slightly from $251.7 million in August to $252.4 million in September as increases in imports of gas and fuel oil, from $30.7 to $34.3 million and nickel and alloys from $12.8 to $16.3 million were largely offset by a decrease in imports of sawed boards, planks and deals, from $32.3 to $27.8 million.

[1] See the September 1961 issue of Report No. FT 900-I for seasonally-adjusted figures on general imports. Seasonally-adjusted data are not available for imports for consumption or on a commodity basis.

EXPLANATION OF STATISTICS

COVERAGE: Import statistics include merchandise imported by government agencies as well as by private importers, but exclude American goods returned by the United States armed forces for their own use. United States trade with Puerto Rico and United States possessions is not included in this report, but the import trade of Puerto Rico with foreign countries is included as a part of the United States import trade. Merchandise shipped intransit through the United States between foreign countries is not included in import statistics.

VALUATION: Import values are, in general, based on market price or selling price, and are, in general, f.o.b. the exporting country. Import values also exclude United States import duties. None of the values have been adjusted for changes in price level.

EFFECT OF SAMPLING: Formal entry shipments valued less than $100 and informal entry shipments valued $250 or less (less than one percent of total import value) are estimated by sampling. These estimated values are shown in the tables of this report as "Estimated value $1-$99 formal and $1-$250 informal entry shipments" and are arbitrarily included in the total for "Finished manufactures." The largest variation from rounding of figures is $50,000.

Further information regarding coverage, valuation, etc., is contained in the "General Explanation" in foreword of Report No. FT 110. For complete statement, see the foreword in Foreign Commerce and Navigation of the United States.

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UNITED STATES IMPORTS FOR CONSUMPTION OF MERCHANDISE, BY ECONOMIC CLASSES AND LEADING COMMODITIES:

SEPTEMBER 1961 AND SELECTED PERIODS

(Quantities in units indicated; values in millions of dollars. Imports for consumption are a total of imports for immediate consumption plus withdrawals for consumption from bonded warehouses. Figures for 1961 are as originally issued and have not been revised to include published corrections. Figures for 1960 include revisions published with the December 1960 reports, or earlier, but do not include revisions published during 1961. Totals represent sum of unrounded figures, hence may vary slightly from sum of rounded amounts. See the "Explanation of Statistics" for information on sampling procedures.)

Economic class and commodity		September 1961	August 1961	September 1960	Monthly average	
					1960	1959
Total	value..	1,175.6	1,250.1	1,159.3	1,221.0	1,249.5
Free	value..	442.3	459.8	468.9	481.7	485.3
Dutiable	value..	733.3	790.3	690.5	739.3	764.2
Crude materials	value..	242.7	259.4	243.6	251.1	258.1
Hides and skins	value..	5.6	4.4	4.2	5.9	7.3
Undressed furs	value..	3.9	3.0	3.2	8.0	8.0
Crude rubber	1,000,000 lb..	66	74	74	77	108
	value..	16.4	18.9	25.8	27.2	32.2
Copra	1,000 lb..	98,252	48,384	75,442	65,005	58,808
	value..	6.3	3.0	5.5	5.3	5.7
Tobacco, unmanufactured	1,000 lb..	13,071	15,931	13,335	13,302	12,640
	value..	9.2	10.9	9.9	9.6	9.3
Cotton, unmanufactured	1,000 lb..	19,289	50,359	14,862	12,195	12,396
	value..	4.4	19.6	3.6	2.2	2.0
Jute and jute butts	long tons..	504	558	441	4,550	5,740
	value..	0.2	0.2	0.1	0.8	1.0
Sisal and henequen	long tons..	8,284	7,940	7,488	8,037	10,432
	value..	1.4	1.4	1.5	1.5	1.7
Wool, unmanufactured, free	(1,000,000 lb.).. actual weight..	19	17	18	17	21
	clean content[1]..	14	13	13	13	16
	value..	9.9	8.7	9.4	9.3	10.3
Wool, unmanufactured, dutiable	(1,000,000 lb.).. actual weight..	9	10	6	10	13
	clean content[1]..	6	7	5	7	9
	value..	5.5	6.4	4.6	7.1	8.4
Pulpwood	1,000 cords..	172	136	183	110	104
	value..	3.0	2.8	3.3	2.1	2.2
Crude petroleum	1,000 bbl..	37,614	36,251	34,721	33,389	32,050
	value..	85.7	82.0	76.5	74.6	72.7
Diamonds, rough or uncut	1,000 carats..	89	86	103	114	132
	value..	5.2	6.1	8.3	7.3	7.9
Diamonds, for industrial use	1,000 carats..	1,513	968	1,401	1,092	1,091
	value..	5.7	5.1	5.2	4.3	5.2
Iron ore and concentrates	1,000 long tons..	2,565	3,275	3,070	2,883	2,969
	value..	24.9	32.3	29.3	26.8	26.0
Ferroalloying ores	value..	8.4	8.0	8.9	10.7	11.1
Copper (copper content)	1,000 lb..	2,085	8,135	7,261	13,899	6,691
	value..	0.6	2.3	2.0	4.1	1.9
Lead (lead content)	1,000 lb..	6,828	14,569	6,365	23,017	22,833
	value..	0.7	0.9	0.6	2.4	2.3
Tin (tin content)	long tons..	1,446	375	929	1,169	898
	value..	3.8	1.0	2.2	2.6	1.9
Zinc (zinc content)	1,000 lb..	43,844	74,389	36,253	76,364	72,877
	value..	2.4	2.6	1.3	3.6	3.2
Other nonferrous ores and concentrates	value..	8.6	7.5	5.9	7.0	6.5
All other crude materials	value..	30.9	32.3	32.2	28.7	31.4
Crude foodstuffs	value..	130.5	138.0	134.1	143.5	152.0
Fish and shellfish	1,000 lb..	37,726	42,894	46,795	45,970	45,746
	value..	13.2	14.9	13.4	14.3	13.5
Cattle, except for breeding	thousands..	73	68	9	54	57
	value..	8.1	8.9	1.2	5.2	6.8
Grains	value..	2.2	2.6	1.3	2.8	3.2
Vegetables, fresh and dried	value..	1.0	1.2	1.2	3.8	3.5
Bananas	1,000 bunches..	3,960	4,172	4,395	4,749	4,476
	value..	5.9	6.1	5.9	6.6	6.5
Cocoa or cacao beans	1,000,000 lb..	37	68	39	46	40
	value..	7.3	13.7	9.8	11.9	13.7
Coffee, raw or green	1,000,000 lb..	247	235	260	243	256
	value..	78.8	77.5	87.5	83.6	91.1
Tea	1,000 lb..	8,136	8,914	9,132	9,598	9,140
	value..	4.0	4.3	4.7	4.7	4.3
Black pepper, unground	1,000 lb..	3,253	2,400	2,005	3,081	2,914
	value..	1.4	1.0	1.1	1.5	0.7
All other crude foodstuffs	value..	8.6	8.0	7.8	9.2	8.7

See footnotes at end of table.

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SEPTEMBER 1961 AND SELECTED PERIODS—Continued

Economic class and commodity	September 1961	August 1961	September 196[illegible]	Monthly average	
				1960	19[illegible]
Manufactured foodstuffs.....value..	135.2	147.4	134.[illegible]	130.[illegible]	133.3
Meat products.....1,000 lb..	79,946	104,599	68,358	63,[illegible]98	81,2[illegible]9
value..	31.6	40.2	28.7	27.[illegible]	32.8
Cheese.....1,000 lb..	6,031	[illegible],829	[illegible],04[illegible]	[illegible],262	[illegible],322
value..	3.1	2.6	2.6	2.6	2.6
Fish and shellfish canned, prepared, etc.....1,000 lb..	45,251	45,320	42,127	38,3[illegible]	43,444
value..	13.1	13.9	12.[illegible]	11.1	12.3
Fodders and feeds.....value..	[illegible].9	1.[illegible]	[illegible].8	1.3	1.7
Cane sugar.....1,000,000 lb..	644	839	735	781	757
value..	35.3	45.9	41.6	42.3	41.3
Molasses.....1,000 gal..	19,195	3[illegible],664	36,999	38,264	24,449
value..	2.1	3.3	3.1	3.4	3.1
Whisky.....value..	18.9	15.3	17.4	16.[illegible]	14.8
All other manufactured foodstuffs .....value..	3[illegible].1	25.3	27.8	26.9	24.8
Semimanufactures.....value..	252.4	251.7	234.8	2[illegible]7.7	275.[illegible]
Leather.....value..	3.0	3.0	3.2	3.5	4.0
Bristles.....1,000 lb..	216	258	248	300	3[illegible]3
value..	0.6	0.9	[illegible].6	0.8	[illegible].6
Expressed oils, inedible.....value..	4.5	4.7	4.8	4.1	4.7
Quebracho.....1,000 lb..	9,386	10,446	8,435	8,189	9,285
value..	0.5	0.5	0.4	0.5	[illegible].8
Wool semimanufactures.....value..	4.0	4.5	3.7	4.8	5.2
Sawed boards, planks, deals, etc.....1,000,000 bd. ft..	372	431	345	327	339
value..	27.8	32.[illegible]	26.5	25.8	28.1
Wood pulp.....1,000 short tons..	198	224	199	198	203
value..	24.7	27.5	25.2	25.4	26.2
Gas and fuel oil.....1,000 bbl..	15,691	13,990	15,802	20,[illegible]44	19,847
value..	34.3	30.7	34.8	42.8	42.2
Asbestos.....long tons..	47,701	49,743	50,299	46,234	48,928
value..	4.6	4.6	5.[illegible]	4.6	4.6
Diamonds, cut but not set.....1,000 carats..	74	69	74	67	76
value..	6.8	6.5	7.4	6.5	7.2
Iron and steel semimanufactures.....value..	17.6	18.2	16.2	19.4	23.2
Aluminum.....value..	11.8	13.5	7.4	8.8	12.6
Copper (copper content).....1,000,000 lb..	57	55	70	81	62
value..	17.2	16.4	21.7	25.1	18.6
Lead (lead content).....1,000 lb..	37,073	35,822	23,022	37,346	46,556
value..	4.9	4.3	3.9	5.3	6.2
Nickel and alloys.....1,000 lb..	23,484	17,854	14,153	17,208	19,364
value..	16.3	12.8	9.0	12.0	12.3
Tin.....1,000 lb..	8,885	9,196	6,435	7,515	8,744
value..	10.0	10.2	6.4	7.3	8.6
Zinc.....1,000 lb..	28,476	21,102	33,656	2[illegible],355	27,600
value..	3.1	2.3	4.2	2.5	2.8
Coal-tar products.....value..	6.0	5.2	3.1	4.3	4.9
Industrial chemicals.....value..	7.8	7.0	7.4	8.1	7.8
Fertilizers and materials.....1,000 short tons..	144	100	153	124	142
value..	5.9	4.1	6.2	5.[illegible]	5.2
All other semimanufactures.....value..	41.1	42.7	37.8	41.2	49.5
Finished manufactures.....value..	414.9	453.6	412.3	438.2	436.7
Leather manufactures.....value..	10.3	12.2	10.3	8.3	7.0
Essential or distilled oils.....value..	1.3	1.7	1.9	1.6	1.5
Cotton cloth.....1,000 sq. yd..	17,026	22,219	38,823	37,908	2[illegible],080
value..	4.3	5.3	6.9	7.0	4.3
Other cotton manufactures.....value..	12.3	14.8	14.0	14.0	12.5
Burlap.....1,000 yd..	61,518	52,002	83,259	73,695	80,623
1,000 lb..	37,187	33,502	49,530	44,679	49,485
value..	7.5	6.7	8.8	7.9	7.6
Flax, hemp and ramie manufactures.....value..	2.9	2.8	3.0	2.8	2.6
Wool manufactures.....value..	18.7	20.4	17.6	17.4	14.3
Silk manufactures.....value..	4.8	4.9	6.1	5.8	6.1
Shingles.....1,000 squares..	201	229	216	188	178
value..	1.8	2.1	1.9	1.8	1.8
Newsprint.....1,000 short tons..	449	465	429	451	436
value..	55.5	58.7	54.6	[illegible]7.4	55.5
Other paper manufactures.....value..	6.0	6.6	6.7	6.2	6.[illegible]
Pottery.....value..	4.8	4.9	6.3	5.4	4.8

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SEPTEMBER 1961 AND SELECTED PERIOD—Continued

Economic class and commodity	September 1961	August 1961	September 1960	Monthly average	
				1960	1959
Finished manufactures—Continued					
Steel mill products.....value..	22.8	25.7	19.0	24.8	28.8
Iron and steel advanced manufactures.....value..	8.5	9.3	8.6	10.4	9.3
Agricultural machinery and implements.....value..	5.3	7.8	5.8	11.2	14.1
Automobiles and parts.....value..	28.8	25.7	33.7	52.3	70.3
Other machinery.....value..	54.0	60.5	46.3	47.1	40.0
Vehicles, except automobiles.....value..	16.3	25.0	10.8	10.5	10.2
Photographic goods.....value..	6.2	5.1	5.0	4.6	4.2
Scientific and professional instruments.....value..	3.9	3.9	3.5	3.5	3.1
Musical instruments and parts.....value..	2.8	2.3	2.4	2.2	2.4
Toys and sporting goods.....value..	6.0	7.1	6.0	5.5	4.9
Watches and watch movements, except parts.....value..	5.5	3.9	5.7	4.4	4.7
American goods returned.....value..	20.0	23.1	20.5	20.5	19.5
All other finished manufactures[2].....value..	92.9	100.8	95.7	94.7	84.8
Estimated value $1-$99 formal and $1-$250 informal entry shipments[2].....value..	11.6	12.4	11.1	10.9	10.2

[1]Includes the actual weight of carbonized wool.
[2]For an explanation of the sampling procedures, see "Effect of Sampling" on front page.